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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.

On Tuesday, September 19, 2006, Mr. Smith Bagley and undersigned counsel met with Commissioner Copps and Scott Deutchman to discuss the petition of Smith Bagley, Inc. to be an ETC on Navajo Reservation lands in Utah. SBI noted that its petition has been pending for over four years, and asked that its petition be taken up at the earliest possible date.

SBI reiterated positions previously taken on the record. SBI believes, as do many, that after four years, a petition filed with the Commission deserves an "up or down vote". Moreover, inaction obvious indications that this matter is not a priority for the Commission serves to harm rural consumers, most of whom do not have telephone service of any kind. It scarcely bears mention the disadvantages faced by American citizens living in such conditions.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

August 2, 2004  
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Cc: Hon. Michael J. Copps  
Scott Deutchman, Esq.